

# Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

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**Community: Garrison**

**Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Patty Reisinger**

**Date and Time: August 29, 2016 5 to 7pm**

**Meeting Length: 2 hours**

**Location: Library**

**Meeting #8 Present to public**

**Number of committee members in attendance: 12**

**Names of committee members in attendance:** Steve & Teresa Meyer, Angela Dague, Randy Scheel, Allan Lindsay, Steve Young, Christy Leckband, Michelle Trimble, Amanda Erickson, Caroline Erickson, Ann Jorgensen and Merle Welte.

**Others in attendance:** Meg Flenker of Flenker Land Architecture Consultants  
Patty Reisinger with Trees Forever

It was estimated at least 45 **residents** and visitors viewed the materials in addition to the committee.

**Meeting Summary:** All the project boards were available for viewing. The Garrison Visioning committee members hosted and answered question from residents. All Garrison committee members participated. The weekly Farmer's Market was also taking place at the library. Just before 5pm market vendors moved inside the library (from the parking lot) as a heavy rain was approaching. Rain fell during the whole event, however turnout was good. We estimate at least forty-five people viewed the project boards. The Garrison Lions Club served a sandwich supper appreciated by many. This was the first event held in the new community room at the new library.

The Visioning committee helped explain what each project board was about and how the changes would help Garrison. Landscape Architect, Meg Flenker, shared information about the projects and answered questions as they came up. The project boards were lined along tables in the meeting room for viewing. The assessment and other resource boards were on site and available for viewing too.

News Editor, Jim Morrison, interviewed Meg and others about the Visioning work and it was included in the September 2 edition of the Cedar Valley Times newspaper.

Proposed concept projects included:

Community Identity, Way-finding, Entryway Enhancements (board 7)

Sycamore Avenue Corridor (board 8)

Downtown Enhancements (board 9)

Hero Memorial (board 10)

Central Park (board 11)

Sidewalk Accessibility Enhancements (board 12)

Loop Trail and Stormwater Improvements (board 13)

Arboretum and Old Creamery Site (board 14)

City Park Enhancements (board 15)

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Information collected from the twenty comment sheets is summarized below:

### *What are your reactions to these proposed concepts?*

Amazing & beautiful.

Excellent!

Great start. Need to pare the list to realistic size.

Very excited to see all the possibilities.

LOVE the splash pad!

I love all the proposed concepts! Much better than I expected.

### *What project would you like to see completed first?*

Downtown enhancements & sidewalks (8)

Community identity (5)

City Park (4) & splash pad

Sidewalk accessibility (3)

Sycamore Corridor (3)

Community gardens

Central Park

Hero Park

Town sign on north

Arboretum & Old Creamery site (2)

Loop trail

### *We invite others to help. Indicate if you are willing to help:*

Karen Nichols

Ed Dickerson

Kyle Henkle

Paul Schellhase

Mason Trimble

Mark Leckband

Mans Dickerson

Nick Decker

Kristin Decker

Becky Decker

Correction: List highway as V66. (Not V56)

### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday, **September** 14, 6:30pm to 8pm at the fire station.